

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A fiber cleaver comprising:
a holding member for holding a glass fiber portion of an optical fiber;
a cutter for affording a scratch to the glass fiber portion held by the holding member;
an elastic member or spring for moving the cutter; and
a slider engaging member for maintaining the elastic member or spring in a state of elastic deformation.
2. (Original) A fiber cleaver according to claim 1,
further comprising a holder engaging part for holding a holder that holds an optical fiber at its part having a protective covering.
3. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to claim ~~1~~or 2 1,
further comprising a containing part for containing unnecessary pieces that have been cut away from the glass fiber portions.
4. (Original) A fiber cleaver according to claim 3,
further comprising guide rollers for conveying the unnecessary cut-away pieces into the containing part.
5. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to claim ~~3~~or 4 3,
wherein the containing part has a cover that can open and shut in a manner synchronous with the movement of the cutter.
6. (Original) A fiber cleaver according to claim 5,
wherein the containing part has an elastic member or spring for pushing the cover in a closing direction and a cam for causing the cover to open and shut synchronously with the movement of the cutter.
7. (Original) A fiber cleaver according to claim 6,
wherein the cam has a form that allows the cover to close after a glass fiber has been cleaved.

8. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 7~~ claim 3, wherein the containing part has a container that can be removed from the fiber cleaver.

9. (Original) A fiber cleaver according to claim 8, wherein the container has a curved portion for leading unnecessary cut-away pieces backward in the container.

10. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to claim ~~8 or 9~~ 8, wherein the container has an adhesive provided on the inner bottom surface thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, further comprising an upper casing, a lower casing, and a pivot member pivotably connecting the upper casing and the lower casing.

12. (Original) A fiber cleaver according to claim 11, wherein the holding member comprises an upper holding member provided in the upper casing and a lower holding member provided in the lower casing, the lower holding member being arranged opposite to the upper holding member.

13. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to claim ~~11 or 12~~ claim 11, wherein the cutter, the elastic member or spring, the slider engaging member, holder engaging part, and the containing part are arranged in the lower casing.

14. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 13~~ claim 11, wherein the slider engaging member is structured such that the elastically deformed condition of the elastic member or spring is released by closing the upper casing and the lower casing.

15. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 14~~ claim 11, wherein the glass fiber portion can be inserted between the upper casing and the lower casing from a position opposite to the pivot member toward the pivot member side.

16. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 14~~ claim 11, wherein the fiber cleaver is structured such that the glass fiber portion is disposed in a direction perpendicular to the pivot of the pivot member.

17. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 16~~ claim 11, further comprising an elastic member or spring for pushing the upper casing and the lower casing in an opening direction.

18. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 17~~ claim

11, further comprising a lock for maintaining the upper casing and the lower casing in a closed condition.

19. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 18~~ claim 11, wherein at least one of the ends of the upper casing and the lower casing is removable.

20. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 19~~ claim 11, wherein at least one of the upper casing and the lower casing has a hole through which a strap can be inserted.

21. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 20~~ claim 11, wherein the upper casing and the lower casing are made of magnesium or aluminum.

22. (Original) A fiber cleaver comprising:
a holding member for holding a glass fiber portion of an optical fiber;
a cutter for affording a scratch to the glass fiber portion held by the holding member; and
a holder engaging part for holding a holder that holds an optical fiber at its part having a protective covering, wherein the holder engaging part has a first holder engaging member for pushing and holding the holder in a direction parallel to a movement direction of the cutter.

23. (Original) A fiber cleaver according to claim 22,
further comprising a second holder engaging member provided in the holder engaging part, the second holder engaging member being capable of not only holding the holder by pushing it in a direction parallel to a movement direction of the cutter, but also setting the holder position in a direction perpendicular to the movement direction of the cutter.

24. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~claim 22 or 23~~,
wherein the first holder engaging member and the second holder engaging member are structured to be pushed from the direction of the pivotal movement thereof.

25. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 22 to 24~~ claim 23, wherein the first holder engaging member and the second holder engaging member are chamfered.

26. (Currently Amended) A fiber cleaver according to ~~any one of claims 22 to 25~~ claim 23, wherein the first holder engaging member and the second holder engaging member are made of resin.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The following paragraph will replace all prior versions of itself in the abstract of the application.

A fiber cleaver is provided which is capable of cleaving a glass fiber portion in a short time without depending on a particular working environment. The fiber cleaver comprises a holding member for holding a glass fiber portion of an optical fiber, a cutter for affording a scratch to the glass fiber portion which is held by the holding member, an elastic member or spring for moving the cutter, and a slider engaging member for maintaining the elastic member or spring in a state of elastic deformation. Also provided is a fiber cleaver comprising a holding member for holding the glass fiber portion of an optical ~~connector~~ fiber, a cutter for affording a scratch to the glass fiber portion held by the holding member, and a holder engaging part for holding a holder that holds an optical fiber at its part having a protective covering. The holder engaging part has a first holder engaging member for pushing and holding the holder in a direction parallel to a movement direction of the cutter.